## Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

The Cousins and the Keatings are two California families forever intertwined and permanently shattered by infidelity. Commonwealth tells the enthralling story of how an unexpected romantic encounter irrevocably changes two families' lives.

#### Pegasus by Danielle Steel

A multigenerational narrative inspired by the best-selling author's own family history traces the efforts of an aristocratic German family to find refuge for themselves and their magnificent horses in post-World War II America.

#### The Rebels of Ireland: the Dublin saga by Edward Rutherfurd

Follows the lives and destinies of several Dublin families, both Catholic and Protestant, from all strata of society, from the sixteenth-century colonization of Ireland by the English to the founding of the Irish Free State in 1922.

#### The Road home by Jim Harrison

Reaching from the end of the nineteenth century to the present, the Western family saga begun in "Dalva" continues with the death of Dalva's half-Sioux grandfather and the return of her lost son.

#### The Mandibles: a family, 2029-2047 by Lionel Shriver

A near-future family saga spanning eighteen tumultuous years that redefine the nature of the United States explores the aftershocks of an economically devastating debt default and its impact on a once-prosperous American family.

#### Fall of Giants by Ken Follett

Follows the fates of five interrelated families--American, German, Russian, English, and Welsh--as they move through the dramas of the First World War, the Russian Revolution, and the struggle for women's suffrage.

## North and South by John Jakes

Chronicles two great American dynasties over three generations. Though brought together in a friendship that neither jealousy nor violence could shatter, the Hazards and the Mains are torn apart by the storm of event that has divided the nation.

## The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

A thought-provoking, sweeping family saga set in New York City's Lower East Side, 1969. Four siblings sneak out to visit a psychic who reveals to each, separately, the exact date of his or her death. The book goes on to recount five decades of experience shaped by the siblings' attempts to control fate.

#### Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

In early 1900s Korea, prized daughter Sunja finds herself pregnant and alone, bringing shame on her family until a young tubercular minister offers to marry her and move with her to Japan, in the saga of one family bound together as their faith and identity are called into question.



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The family saga is a genre of literature which chronicles the lives and doings of a family or a number of related or interconnected families over a period of time.

Find these titles on the fiction shelves under the author's last name. Some may also be available in other formats.

## The Son by Philip Meyer

An epic of the American West and a multigenerational saga of power, blood, land, and oil that follows the rise of one Texas family, from the Comanche raids of the 1800s to the to the oil booms of the 20th century.

## The Bones of Paradise by Jonis Agee

Set in the Nebraska Sandhills at the dawn of the 20th century, The Bones of Paradise is a haunting multi-generational family saga that explores a tragedy with deep historical roots through the eyes of flawed and fully fleshed-out characters. --

#### The Truth According to Us by Annie Barrows

It is 1938 in a rural West Virginia town and a young woman arrives to write the town's history. Layla doesn't really know what to expect from the town, and the town doesn't know what to make of her. This is the heart of the South, the soul of small towns, where everyone looks out for you and knows your history.

#### And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini

A story inspired by human love, how people take care of one another and how choices resonate through subsequent generations.

#### Grace

#### by Natasha Deon

The dual stories of a mother, a runaway plantation slave and the child she never knew are woven through the historic events of the mid-19th century, including the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation.

#### Before We Visit the Goddess by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Three generations of Indian mothers and daughters discover their greatest source of strength in one another from a baker's daughter who dreams of an impossible education, to the daughter who confronts her culture and independence in America, to the granddaughter who learns indelible lessons about freedom and heartbreak.

#### Barkskins by Annie Proulx

Working as woodcutters under a feudal lord in 17th-century New France, two impoverished young Frenchmen follow separate journeys, one of extraordinary hardship, the other of wealth and craftiness that shape their families throughout three centuries.

## Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

The story of two half-sisters, separated by forces beyond their control: one sold into slavery, the other married to a British slaver. Traces the generations of family who follow, as their destinies lead them through two continents and three hundred years of history.

## Valley of Amazement bu Amy Tan

Under her sharp-eyed observations of mothers and daughters and their inexplicable bonds, is a powerful story of love, family, courage, and history.

#### Her Daughter's Dream by Francine Rivers

Spanning the era from the 1950s to the present, a family saga follows four gener ations of women as they face the sorrows and emotional conflicts that tear families apart, and struggle to find the forgiveness and grace that can keep them together.

## Dissident Gardens by Jonathan Lethem

A multigenerational saga focuses on two extraordinary women, including Rose, a tyrannical Communist who terrorizes her neighborhood with her absolute beliefs, and her daughter Miriam, who embraces the counterculture of Greenwich Village

## Only Time Will Tell by Jeffrey Archer

The first novel in the Clifton Chronicles. The epic tale of Harry Clifton's life begins in 1920, with the words "I was told that my father was killed in the war." A dock worker in Bristol, Harry never knew his father and expects to continue on at the shipyard, until a remarkable gift wins him a scholarship to an exclusive boys' school, and his life will never be the same again...

## Calder Saga by Janet Dailey

For more than one hundred years, the Cee Bar Ranch on the northern plains of Texas has been run by the Calder family. They might live in Montana, but their hearts are never far from the blue skies and hard-working hands at home in the Lone Star state. Western romances chronicling the saga of Montana's Calder family.